

Republican U.S. Senators since 1877. Beginning in January, we will have the achievement of U.S. Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM and JIM DEMINT. With Wesley's congressional experience, his training with Ed Meese at the Heritage Foundation, and his work with the House Committee on Armed Services, Wesley will assist the Senator to best represent the people of South Carolina.

Wesley Denton, one of five sons of Cassy and Dan Denton of Beaufort, South Carolina, and the newlywed husband of the former Kari Brooks, is a credit to the people of South Carolina, and I wish him Godspeed.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11.

#### BIPARTISAN INTELLIGENCE REFORM BILL

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to ask for the opportunity to vote on the 9/11 intelligence reform bill, supported both by Republicans and Democrats. Smart, effective intelligence reform, such as this piece of legislation before Congress, will help to strengthen our intelligence agencies and better protect Americans against terrorism.

Unfortunately, extreme conservatives are playing politics with America's security. They have prevented us from making America safer for our families because they continue to insist that the House-passed controversial immigration provisions need to be included. The 9/11 Commission has stated, and I quote, "We believe strongly that this bill is not the right occasion for tackling controversial immigration and law enforcement issues."

I believe with the 9/11 Commission. The legislation before us has the support of the President, the support of congressional leaders in both the House and the Senate, and it is the will of the 9/11 Commission and the wishes of the 9/11 families that Congress pass this legislation.

Let us make America safer and pass this bipartisan compromise.

#### ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF MEDICARE MODERNIZATION ACT

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we come up on the 1-year anniversary of the President signing the Medicare Modernization Act. This is truly an accomplishment of which this Congress can be proud. We begin the process of the transformation of Medicare.

Mr. Speaker, with the advances in medical science, and those that are to come in fields such as genomics and proteonomics, we are going to see improved longevity and improved health outcomes. Medicare, for the first time,

will pay for wellness instead of compensating for disease.

In our bill, we allowed the expansion of health savings accounts. Health savings accounts will change the way the next generation approaches paying for health insurance, giving them far greater power over their own health decisions. Mr. Speaker, today's seniors, next year, will have the missing piece of Medicare when coverage for prescription drugs begins.

Mr. Speaker, this was indeed landmark legislation that passed this House a year ago, and I salute those on the committees of jurisdiction that had a hand in getting this legislation passed. Every Member of this Congress and their staffs can be proud of their accomplishment.

#### ADMINISTRATION MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR UNJUST WAR IN IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, nearly 1,300 brave American men and women have sacrificed their lives in Iraq. Yet the central reasons for the U.S. invasion have fallen apart: Iraq had nothing to do with 9/11, Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, there is no proof that Iraq was instrumental with al Qaeda's role in 9/11, and Iraq was not trying to get nuclear materials from Najir.

This administration misled the Congress, misled the American people, violated international law, directed the bombings of populated areas causing the disruption of water, sewer, and electrical service, ordered house-to-house fighting, and now, the civilian toll, by one account, is over 100,000 Iraqi civilians perished. Why?

Freedom, if it is to be obtained anywhere, must be advanced under the standard of truth. The Iraqis will not be handed freedom based on lies, nor will our own Nation preserve our freedoms if we continue to accept the basis for our occupation of Iraq.

This administration must be held accountable under international law for the disaster it visited upon Iraq. Only the truth can clean the stain on our Nation's conscience.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT CHIEF OF STAFF OF HONORABLE ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Debra Musgrove Zimmerman, District Chief of Staff of the Honorable ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
November 24, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules

of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a subpoena for testimony and documents issued by the Circuit Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Monroe County, Florida.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

DEBRA MUSGROVE ZIMMERMAN,

*District Chief of Staff  
for Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6 p.m. today.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 528, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### DIRECTING CLERK OF THE HOUSE TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORREC- TIONS IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 4818

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 528) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 4818.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

Strike Section 222 of Title II of Division H.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation before the House, H. Con. Res. 528, directs the Clerk of the House to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 4818, the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Members